

the process, that there will be, no doubt, a number of bills which will not be allowed to have debate this year. I understand, I've worked with Senator Chambers many times, and I believe that Senator Chambers may, after some debate, he might decide to change his mind, but I can't count upon that at this point and, therefore, I think that what I am proposing here today is reasonable. I want to simplify one more fact. There was some concern earlier about Senator Lynch's amendment and I had agreed to make that a part of my amendment. I have decided differently, partly because Senator Lynch and I do not exactly agree upon the language that should be replaced but also because I wanted simply to return to the language prior to the adoption of the Conway amendment but to the language in the bill that would be contained in the statute with my amendment and the Lamb amendment. I think that is important. I can recall a number of times on this floor, and I'm sure that all of you can, when something was done perhaps with a lack of full information, that the Legislature did concur and correct that mistake. I can think of an instance perhaps comes to mind on the multibank bank, one of the more hotly debated issues on this floor in the 19 years I've been here and an amendment was adopted that was not fully understood, notwithstanding the fact that the issue was always a hotly debated one. We all concurred that we would return the bill, remove the amendment and then go back to fight another day and I think that is one of the commendable parts of this activity. As I said earlier, there are those on the floor who feel strongly in support of the bill.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: There are those on the floor who, as I, Senator Chambers and others, have questions about the bill. But one of the things I think we ought to all be able to agree upon is that a noncontroversial amendment which was adopted ought to be able to be, ought to be able to be adopted without significantly altering the bill or its support and that an amendment which was adopted which was not fully understood ought to be allowed to be stricken from the bill without a great deal of controversy. Once that is accomplished, Senator Chambers, then we can go back to the original bill and debate it and discuss it, do as you like, but I would certainly hope that we'd have this chance to restore the bill to its original form, the way it would have been without the Conway amendment. Mr. President and members, I ask for your favorable consideration of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and